

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0316:
"As Declarer in a 3NT Contract
Do You Know How to Execute a
'1-Suit Squeeze Endplay'?"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

The "**BBO Bridge Master**" website allows you to declare your skill level, then shows a series of Hands and announces the final contract, each of which you then play as Declarer. At the end of play you can then request a solution in which the optimal "Line of Play" is discussed step by step. Here we use the *free* "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-5 **Lesson C-10** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board. Esther may have altered some of the cards in the Hands.

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¹ As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

BBO Bridge Master Level 5 Lesson C-10

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (13)

S: 7 6 5
H: 5 4 3
D: A K 4
C: A Q 4 2

WEST (12)

S: A Q J 4 2
H: Q J 6
D: Q 7 6
C: J T

EAST (1)

S: T 3
H: T 9 8 7
D: J T 9 8
C: 9 8 7

SOUTH (14)

S: K 9 8
H: A K 2
D: 5 3 2
C: K 6 5 3

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 S	PASS	PASS	1 NT
PASS	3 NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Heart Queen thus "promising" the Heart Jack. EAST plays the Heart Ten thus suggesting that, as expected given his 1**S** opening bid, WEST led from a "short" Heart Suit.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What cards should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1?
3. What general "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH adopt?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
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